GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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WATER HARVESTING
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is taking steps to make water harvesting mandatory in all the construction works coming under its purview ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT {SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) to (c) The Unified Building Bye-laws for Delhi were amended vide notification dated 28th July, 2001 which made water harvesting through storing of water runoff including rain water in all new buildings on plots of 100 sqm and above mandatory and system of storm water drainage along with the points of collection of rain water in surface reservoirs or in recharge wells have to be indicated in the building plans submitted to the local bodies. Also all buildings having a minimum discharge of 10,000 litres and above per day shall incorporate waste water re-cycling system which should be used for horticultural purposes.

The Central Public Works Department has advised its units in various Metropolitan cities to incorporate measures for rain water harvesting and waste water recycling for all the buildings planned as weil as the existing buildings wherever practicable.

The Central Ground Water Board has also been impiementing artificial recharge schemes in various states under its Central Scheme on `Study of Recharge to Ground Water.